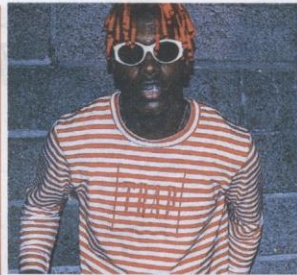


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MBA WELCOMES DAN JANSEN



We welcome the former Olympic speed-skating gold medalist as this year's featured speaker at the Mother-Son Breakfast.

Debate Eagerly Awaits Tournament of Champions

By Andrew Kaplan
News Editor

The MBA debate team heads to Lexington, Kentucky for the Tournament of Champions fresh off of the best finish by an MBA team in recent memory.

In policy debate, there are three "national championships," of which the Tournament of Champions is the most prestigious. This tournament is the one that

requires individual teams of two debaters to qualify based on exceptional performances at other tournaments throughout the season. MBA qualified two teams this year: the team of Andrew Kaplan and Ben Rosenthal, and that of John Cooper and Liam Jameson.

The National Debate Coaches Association (NDCA) National Championship is the second most significant tournament of the postseason. In Orlando, the

team of Andrew Kaplan and Ben Rosenthal made it to the semifinals of the tournament, farther than any other juniors who attended the tournament.

Varsity coach Josh Clark summed up the weekend: "Kaplan and Rosenthal were on fire at the NDCA. They defeated the #3, #5, #10 and #16 teams in the country in their run to the semi-finals. They beat two other top-twenty five teams on top of that. As only

juniors, this was a pretty special performance. One that I think will set the tone for the TOC and next year."

With the help of coaches Josh Clark, Kevin Hamrick, and Robbie Quinn, the debate program has begun to excel at the varsity level, where competition becomes increasingly cutthroat, requiring

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South Africa Trip Worth the Long Flight

By Thomas Daniels
Staff Writer

Over Spring Break, a group of guys decided to ride on planes for over 35 hours. It was a long, tiresome experience. And I can assure you that everyone hated it.

Okay, in truth, our trip was more fulfilling than my previous statement denotes. The arduous journey was worth the overnight trip, even if we didn't get to the house until midnight.

For seven days we stayed in Cape Town, South Africa, a city approximately 8,309 miles away from Nashville. From the start, the members of the Team House never ceased to provide us with an engaging vacation, even if the wi-fi was rarely functional. Our two guides, Jeremy and Prosper,

could easily interact with us on every part of the trip, enlightening us or sharing in good laughs.

The start of the trip served as a nice prelude for the heightened adventures we would undertake as we scaled, by cable car, Table Mountain. Being named one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature does not do it justice. The views from the peak are breathtaking.

The trip was not only for fun. We spent three days working our hardest to remodel a township's community house owned by Living Hope. We repainted walls, lifted up tiles, and varnished wood to make the place look as welcoming as it felt. No complaints from the guys, who happily performed the service and went the extra mile by playing with the local kids.

Day Two gave us the historical context of our voyage. After Table Mountain, we took a boat to Robben Island, the prison that held Nelson Mandela for

eighteen years. Guided by a former prisoner, we traversed the prison blocks, going from cell to cell and viewing each prisoner's life story. We began to comprehend just how terrible the system of apartheid really was for South Africa.

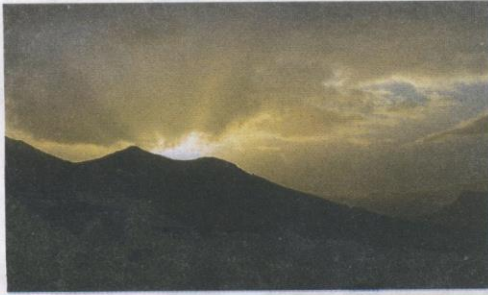
Day Three had us take a tour of the Muslim neighborhood of Bo-Kaap, then chow down on authentic South African cuisine. From the stunning views at Cape Point to the warm

penguin beaches of Simon's Town, the trip always roared pure entertainment, just as a lion would when provoked (which we saw firsthand).

Learning more on the history of South Africa and seeing the lives of the men and women in townships made us reevaluate our own thoughts and beliefs. Overall, the trip was both an awe-inspiring and humbling experience.

LEFT: A South African sunset, photographed by Carter Heckle.

BELOW: The gang bonds with kids at the community house.



MBA and HH Forge Relationships in the DR

By Philip Scholer
Staff Writer

This year's spring Dominican Republic trip, led by Coach Euverard, Captain Norton, and Mrs. Overton, instilled valuable life lessons—as well as construction skills—in all students involved.

We began our visit by meeting the workers of Mission Emanuel. The mission has been uplifting the community of Cielo since the 1990s.

Along with Emanuel, we worked to build houses, visit homes, and collaborate with the women's co-op. Unique to this year, the students put together a telescope with the design skills of Michael Owings.

Every morning, the team rose and grinded with a delicious early breakfast at the hotel and a day of work in the city. The typical work day started out with construction projects. The different grades went to various worksites. One project involved shoveling sand into buckets, using an assembly line to take the buckets to the top of the

hill, demonstrating the power of group teamwork.

After lunch, the team either returned to construction, visited a home, or brought sports equipment to the local park and played basketball and baseball with local children. The families, offering authentic Dominican coffee and fruit juice to everyone, were always hospitable, affording the students unique insight into their lives. The interactions with the Dominican kids and the families were priceless.

Most evenings, the team went out to dinner in the community. The most memorable dinner was at an authentic Dominican restaurant featuring live tango dancing. A meaningful night was spent attending the local church for a magnificent service and a dedication of the telescope. The church service consisted of dancing and a heartfelt sermon from Captain Norton integrating the power of the telescope into its message.

On the last day, we visited a

leprosarium. We were moved to find that people with such awful ailments could find happiness in the simple things in life and focus on what is a truly important, relationship. Some girls got together to sing a touching rendition of "Hallelujah" and "Amazing Grace" in an effort to uplift the patients' spirits.

All in all, it is not every day that we get the chance to step outside of our small world at MBA, and really experience life in a community far different from our own.

This trip was a truly special experience, one filled with memories that will stick with the boys for long after they graduate from MBA.



LEFT: The crew enjoyed spending time with the children at Mission Emanuel, with a particular highlight being the baseball and soccer games played with the children.

Strangers in a Strange Land

By Jack Capizzi
Asst. Ent. Editor

Over spring break, sixteen students joined Mr. Morrison on a trip to London. Accompanied by Mrs. Klausner, the students immersed themselves in the vast culture of the bustling city. Mr. Morrison displayed his travel expertise in planning a perfect trip. The group was able to see the famous side of London with sites such as the Houses of Parliament or the Tower of London, but also the alternative side to London, with a trip to a blues club as well as a night tour of London's street art.

Mr. Morrison and company also secured tickets to three different plays, including a drama about colonialism in Africa, one of Samuel Beckett's radio plays which had the audience blindfolded for the entirety of the performance, and another play involving a series of arguments and the different perspectives that surround them. Each play had distinct theatrical dynamics, providing a fantastic finish to each day.

A part of the trip that stood out to many of the students was the

trip to a Premier League soccer match. This year, the group was able to see Crystal Palace (up with Palace!) take on Leicester, the number one team in the Premier League. The game was full of excitement on and off the pitch and will surely be remembered by all in attendance.

Mr. Morrison's trip has continued to be one of the most interesting and continuously successful trips that MBA has to offer. Sophomore Harrison Kidd described it by saying, "We had a perfect blend of free time to explore the city and time visiting different landmarks. The food was always amazing, and the people were even better."

Until next year, London.



ABOVE: The River Thames, as seen from the London Eye.

LEFT: Dani Biegl really loves red telephones.

BELOW: Mr. Morrison attempts to teach those foreigners something about soccer.



Jack Brandes Prepares to Exit Early

By Peter Taylor
Entertainment Editor

It seems that nearly everyone has heard that junior Jack Brandes will be leaving the Hill to attend the University of Southern California in the fall of this year. Intrigued by the prospect of a junior attending college, *The Bell Ringer* sat down with Jack to get the full scoop about his plans for next year.

BR: Could you describe the program at University of Southern California (USC) into which you have been accepted?

JB: The program is known as the Resident Honors Program, or RHP for short. The University of Southern California allows 20-30 high school juniors to be admitted as freshmen to the university. RHP serves to enroll these students and help them to swiftly adjust to life on campus. The students are considered regular undergraduate students, taking classes among freshmen and living in the same dorms. Complete with a guaranteed scholarship, the program has been very popular, especially among Californians, over the past few decades.

BR: What made you decide to apply to this program?

JB: I originally discovered the program through a small pamphlet that showed up in my mailbox in early August. I had the same reaction as most people have when they read the headline: What is this and how is it possible? Having spent the entirety of the summer at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, living among college students and taking core music courses, I knew the college environment fit my personality perfectly. I found myself in classrooms and lecture halls seven hours a day, complete with homework. After looking over the details and requirements, I worked tirelessly for months perfecting various essays and prompt responses. I could never have submitted my application without the continued support of Mrs. Maddux and the College Counseling Office; their help was

invaluable to my success.

BR: What do you like specifically about USC? What will you be studying/involved in there?

JB: A big factor in my pursuing RHP was my immediate love of USC. I flew out to visit the campus in Los Angeles last winter. Between interviews and meetings with professors, I began to see myself at this university: the beautiful campus, perfect weather, and state of the art facilities won me over in a single day. I was willing to do whatever it took to become a Trojan.

Along with taking General Education classes in my first semester, I will be pursuing my passion in music through the study of Music Industry. It has been my dream for years to work in a recording studio organizing business deals with fellow musicians. I will definitely seek out opportunities in LA such as internships and specialty classes to complement my course load at the university itself.

BR: How did you feel/what did you do when you were informed of your acceptance?

JB: I was informed of my acceptance by mail on the final day of Spring Break. My parents and I were both initially shocked. I was immediately overrun by strong, conflicting emotions. My head knew I needed to take advantage of the opportunity and pursue my passion in a unique way. However, my heart reminded me of how much I was going to miss the lifelong friends I have made here at MBA.

BR: Many at MBA are puzzled that you have chosen to miss your senior year, the ultimate year that many consider quintessential to the classic high school experience. Could you elaborate on how you arrived at such a decision?

JB: My choice to skip my senior year of high school, as you might imagine, was very difficult. I am a firm supporter of the tradition MBA offers and am aware that senior year serves in many ways as

the culmination of the traditional MBA experience. Like I said earlier, it was mostly thanks to my summer in Pittsburgh that I discovered my love of the college style of education. Having been in the MBA orchestra for five years and having taken Music Theory as a sophomore, I feel as ready as any high school senior looking to pursue music. Many of these ideas were confirmed by various music and business professors during my visit to California. [For our readers' benefit, AP Music Theory is a course considered to have one of the hardest AP exams offered by the college board and is traditionally taken exclusively by Seniors.]

BR: What will you be doing for your last few months in Nashville before you head off to college?

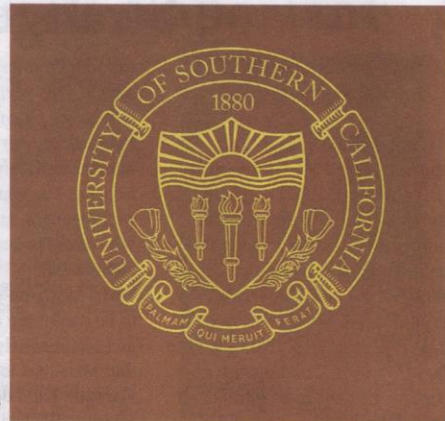
JB: I've recently secured a music internship here in Nashville, so I will be spending my last few months at home learning to do what I love. At the same time, I will be able to spend as much time as I can with any friends in town over the summer.

BR: What will you miss the most about MBA?

JB: More than anything else, I will miss my friends - teachers and students alike. Even though I'm moving on, I know I have made some serious lifelong friends in Nashville and I plan to visit as often as I can.

BR: Anything else to say to your class/the MBA student body/ *the Bell Ringer* readers?

JB: First off, I would like to thank Mr. Tyler Meredith and Dr. Ed Tarkington for their guidance over the past two years. Their teaching during my time at MBA



made me into the man I am today. I urge every MBA student to work to develop relationships with their teachers - they have much more to offer than just their subject matter.

My insight for the student body, especially the underclassmen, is as such: here at MBA, you can accomplish anything you set your mind to achieving. As cheesy as it sounds, the dictum holds true. Here at MBA you have access to any connections and resources you would ever need to follow your passion. I was never a straight-A student. My name never got called at graduation for awards or mentioned at assembly during my MBA career. Do not let your high school achievements (or lack thereof) define you as a person. Keep an open mind, discover your passion, and run with it. Roll Red and Fight On.

LA LIVING: Jack will be calling USC's beautiful downtown campus home this fall.



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countless hours of intense preparation.

Both varsity teams were ranked within the top 25 of the nation this season, with Kaplan and Rosenthal finishing the season ranked 26th, and Cooper and Jameson at 29th. Heading into the

TOP: Andrew Kaplan and Ben Rosenthal make a run to the semi-finals of the NDCA. Also pictured: Coach Josh Clark's head
BOTTOM: John Cooper and Liam Jameson prepare for an early morning debate round

years, the true prize lies within varsity success, for which novice debate attempts to prepare younger students.

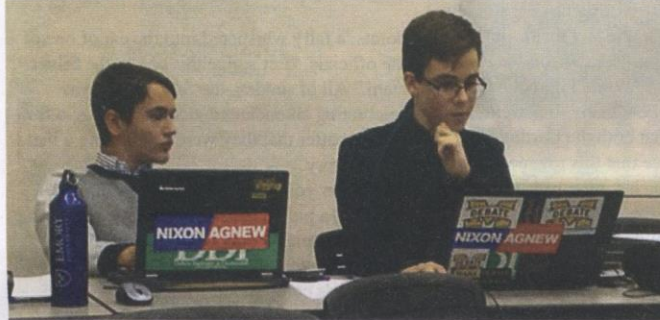
With the Tournament of Champions this coming weekend, Coach Clark believes NDCA set the right tone. "The TOC should be fun this year," Clark commented. "With the two teams of Liam Jameson and John Cooper, as well as Kaplan and Rosenthal, MBA is looking to make their mark in national circuit policy debate."

MBA has not qualified even one team to the Tournament of Champions in over five years, and this season marks the first year that MBA will be sending teams to the TOC with Coach Clark at the helm.

With a roster loaded with young talent, MBA debate only promises to continue to improve into the next season.

TOC this spring and into the beginning of next season in the fall, these two teams will be poised to make runs to win major tournaments throughout the year, as there are few other teams comprised of juniors or younger who achieved comparable levels of success this season.

While MBA started to have success in the novice division during the last few



The Bell Ringer Places High at THSPA Awards

On March 7, 2016, members of The Bell Ringer staff attended the Tennessee High School Press Association's awards ceremony at Lipscomb University. The paper as a whole was lauded, earning a "Superior" rating from the THSPA, as well as being recognized as an Honorable Mention in the category "Best Overall Newspaper."



Why Cardinal Truly Won Field Day

By Carter Lovvorn
Opinions Editor

It was a bright, sunny day out at Tommy Owen Stadium: the blood, sweat, and tears had just finished being shed, and Mr. Gioia was standing on the MBA football field. With the Cardinal squad on one side, and the Silver squad on the other, Mr. Gioia announced that the Silver team had won by a slim 50 point margin.

Now, about three weeks later, I am writing an argument about why the results should have gone the other way on that day in late March. The following are three separate occurrences or rules that all, individually, could have won Field Day if it weren't for an unfortunate occurrence or officiating decision:

IMPROV: Improv! This highly anticipated event was controversially won by the Silver team during the all-school assembly. After the completion of the event, I turned to a Silver team member standing next to me, and he informed me that, "We [the silver team] got smoked." Agreeing with him, I was shocked to hear the announced result. I was later told by an "Improv expert" that the Cardinal team lost because one of their team members said "no." The simple word is apparently frowned upon

by the gods of improv. So, in comparison, think about if MBA were playing Ensworth in football and had a 35-0 lead. However, a magical penalty flag was thrown by the refs, saying that an MBA player went offside. Now imagine that because of that flag, Ensworth won the football game by default. Sounds fair to me!

COIN FLIP: The coin flip rule is absolutely absurd. Thinking back, the fact that a singular coin flip could have pushed a victory one way or the other baffles me. While I do not have specific statistics on how many flips went which way, I think that both the Cardinal and Silver teams can agree that this rule needs to be thrown out. Seeing such a close result like this year's makes one realize that a flip of a coin could determine a winner. That's not okay.

TUG-OF-WAR: Who actually won the last tug-of-war? While the Cardinal team celebrated their tug-of-war victory, worth more than 100



A CLOSE CALL: Make no mistake, the Silver team fought hard, but in my opinion, Cardinal should have come out on top.

points, a fairy whispered into the ear of one of the officials, "Let's give this one to the Silver team." All of sudden, the Silver team was celebrating an unearned victory, and just a few seconds after that they were celebrating a Field Day Victory.

Whether you want to blame it on Improv, a coin flip, a pulled hamstring, or tug-of-war, the Cardinal team got robbed on Field Day, and I truly hope that the rules are altered to make next year's competition a fair one.



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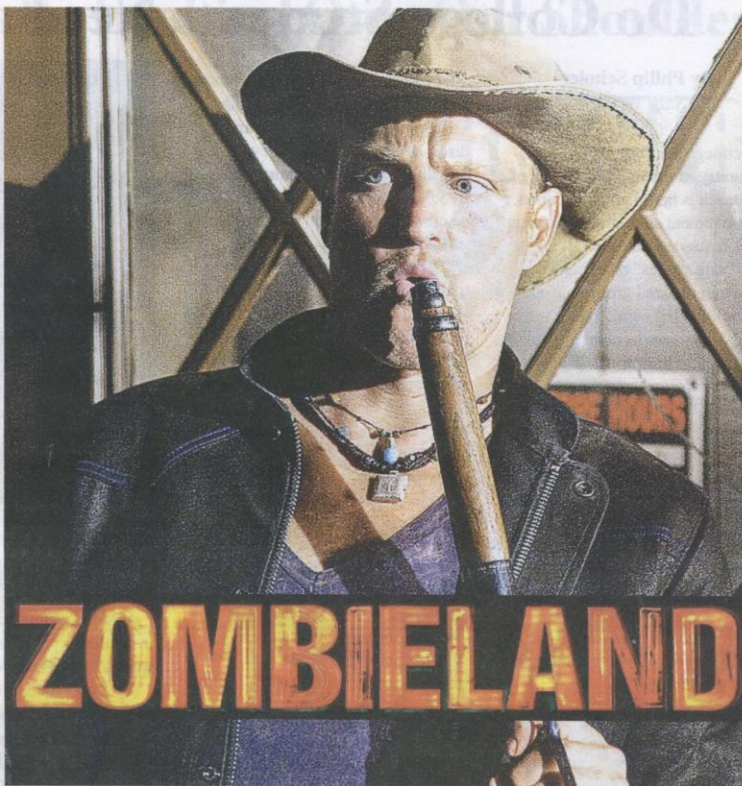
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Do College Students Need a "Safe Space"?

By Philip Scholer
Staff Writer

On college campuses throughout the country, students' civil liberty of free speech is being infringed upon. This movement started when student groups requested that the colleges create "safe spaces" on campuses. These marginalized groups have tried establishing a protected campus setting where certain phrases or names can be seen as hurtful or offensive. Smiliar campaigns have begun all throughout the country, from a Duke University freshman refusing to read the musical Fun Home, stating, "I feel as if I would have to compromise my personal Christian moral beliefs to read it" (*Duke Chronicle*), to Georgetown University students requesting to rename two buildings, McSherry and Mulledy Hall, named

after two presidents of the university who participated in slave trading.

Refusing to engage in literary discussion about a play or even refusing to read goes against the free flow of ideas and intellectual discussions for which most students go to university.

Despite the horrors of slave trading, Georgetown's renaming of the buildings would diminish the accomplishments of its presidents. If we start redefining people's lives by comparing our history to what is socially acceptable today, we will no longer have an evolving society and be stuck on what we deem morally acceptable. Because of the numbers of administrators resigning as a result of these movements, universities are having to spend more money to hire administrators to regulate these wars on free speech instead of hiring



ABOVE: Students who created their own "safe space," while participating in protests on the campus of the University of Missouri

BELOW: A cartoon published in the Economist demonstrates the unavoidable conflict between free speech and the desire for political correctness



professors to teach and hold open discussions with the students.

A theme of this political correctness is creating a "comfortable" and "safe" space. The creation of spaces where students cannot discuss their ideas and opinions limits the progression of thought to create the more accepting society that these groups are seeking. It is no wonder that prominent leaders in creating this more accepting and socially equal society, such as Condoleezza Rice and President Obama, have criticized the way universities are handling the war on free speech. President Obama concisely stated that college students are "coddled and protected from different points of view."

Lastly, some of these "wars" affect those who live outside a bubble who have been actually been hurt. Examples include University of Minnesota's denying of a student from organizing a recognition in September for those who died on 9/11 because they feared it would create hatred toward Islam.

This action represents how the political correctness on campuses has been misguided not only to limit free speech but to deny those Americans who died in a tragic event the honor they deserve.



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Should Uncle Sam Be Looking Over Our Shoulders?

By Mark Floyd
Media Director

Big Brother is Watching You.

This famous quotation from George Orwell's dystopian novel 1984 could not be more appropriate for the discussion of government surveillance. More so than at any other time in America's history, citizens today are being observed. Every text, call, or email is subject to interception by a government agency.

The agencies with the most oversight regarding this surveillance are the National Security Agency (NSA), and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).

Founded in secret by Harry Truman in 1952, the NSA was given the right to wiretap. The NSA even wiretapped a close advisor to FDR and the First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt. The FBI has been involved in the surveillance of prominent citizens from Frank Sinatra to Marilyn Monroe.

In a post-9/11 world with fear of terrorism, and specifically "lone wolf" style terrorism, the government has exponentially heightened its surveillance. This heightening, however, is wrong

and largely useless. Why is it wrong? Our constitution clearly says it is. The Fourth Amendment of the Constitution clearly grants a right to privacy. It is as simple as that. Without a search warrant, there should be no violation to this right.

FBI or NSA officials can certainly seek out warrants for suspicious individuals with no constitutional infraction. However, in today's connected society, that warrant can mean the surveillance not only of the individual, but also of each and every one of his or her constituencies. This means that the warrant to watch one person is actually a warrant to watch hundreds or even thousands. This overreach is wrong and a clear violation to our constitution.

Another flaw lies in effectiveness. In June 2013, President Obama stated that the NSA had stopped "at least 50" possible attacks. The NSA collects metadata on roughly three billion phones calls per day. No, that is not a typo. Three billion calls per day. They collect that much data for around 50 actual threats. The inefficiencies are appalling. Inefficiencies means wasted resources, which means wasted tax dollars. Because our government is

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definitely not in debt!

The best way to go about government surveillance is to narrow down the people surveyed. It is not rocket science. High threat people might be those who have been to Syria, Iran, or other areas where the culprits of attacks have largely come from. This, however, does not mean that the government should be able to watch every person who has been to one of these countries. They must attain evidence for a search warrant for that single individual.

It is important that the people stand up to government infractions on privacy. Even if a citizen

is doing nothing wrong, it is important to fight for our rights. The constitution cannot be twisted by an overpowering government to control the people. Every article, every line, and every word must be protected. If the government refuses to stand by the constitution, then the people must.



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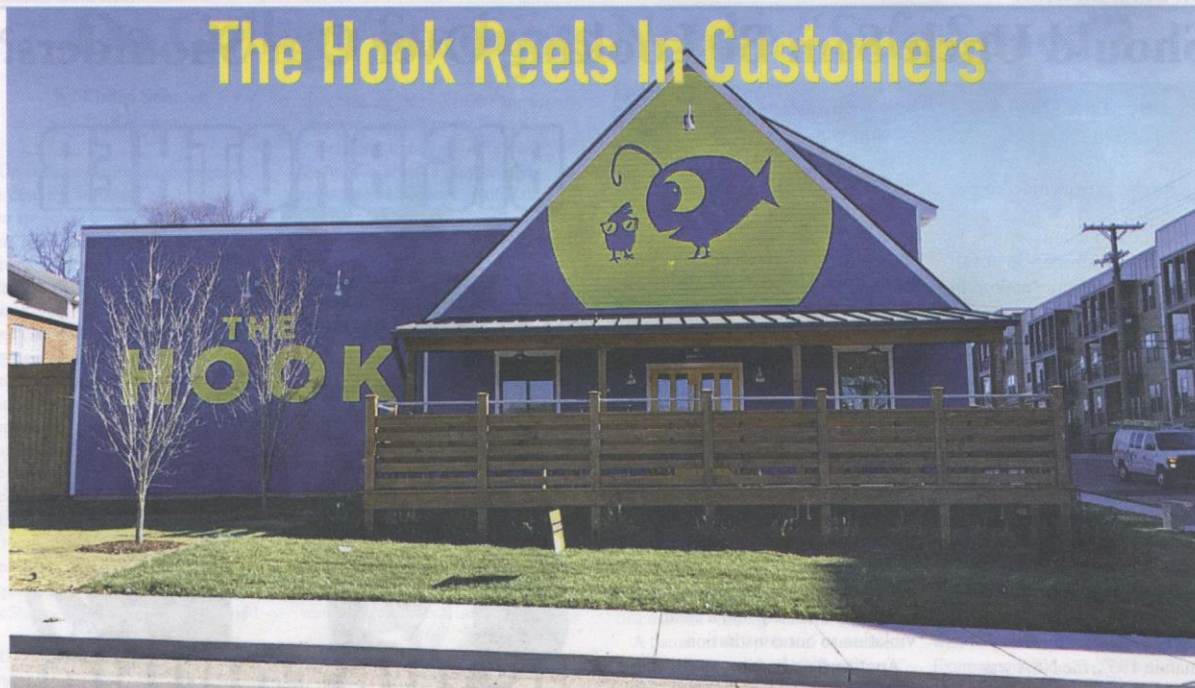
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The Hook Reels In Customers



By John Fioravanti
Asst. Features Editor

The Hook is a recently-opened bistro and bar on 8th Avenue whose name plays on the pun of both its offering of seafood and the addiction you're soon to develop after dining there. Just kidding. Although the food is very good, the actual pun revolves around the hook of a song: the catchy lyrics or the melody that one seems to remember most vividly.

Appropriate to its name, the Hook's interior is covered wall to wall with musical and maritime decor, from fishing poles to white-washed instruments. The walls and ceiling are mostly wood and white paint, except for one covered in Pop Art style headshots of famous musicians. These aspects keep the atmosphere of the restaurant light and casual. I felt like I was eating at a beachside restaurant on a cool evening.

One of my favorite aspects are the hooks of iconic rock and roll and country music songs painted over the wall leading to the patio. The patio itself is wood, including wooden picnic tables across its surface. The patio is half covered, giving you the option of sitting in the sun or the shade.

The menu is short and simple. It offers a variety of seasonal catches, shrimp, and chicken entrees as well as sandwiches, salads, and desserts. For a drink, they offer the typical selection of fountain sodas, as well as a fully stocked bar.

I ordered the chicken sandwich with a side of fries and broccoli. The sandwich, one of the more popular dishes on the menu, was made up of pulled chicken, a special "tomayo" sauce with pickles on a thick bun. The sandwich itself was delicious, blending together the pickle flavor with the tomayo sauce that tastes like a curried chicken. This eastern flare is spread

throughout the menu and adds something special. The broccoli was well made and had a pickled flavor like the chicken. The fries were, of course, tasty.

In addition to my entree, I ordered the spicy chicken egg rolls served with a mint yogurt dip. I have a low tolerance for spice, so it was a little too hot for my taste; however, the mint yogurt cut this heat back. My favorite part about this side was the batter they used for the roll that created texture and consistency.

I was ultimately very impressed with the Hook. It has a fresh vibe playing off of Nashville's growing music scene and is a great spot for dinner or lunch. It could also be a great place to take a date, coming in at about \$20-\$30 when ordering two entrees. I asked if they plan to open any other locations around Nashville, perhaps one more accessible to us at MBA. Amanda Virgillito, a publicist for The Hook, answered, "Currently, we're focusing our attention on the one location — we want to build a perfect model should the opportunity to expand come along. We are always looking for opportunities to grow our brand in Nashville, though nothing is on the forefront at this time."

Hopefully they open another on West End, because I'm very excited for the potential

popularity it has with the MBA community.



TOP: The Hook looks to establish itself as a staple on 8th Avenue.

LEFT: The left wall of The Hook is filled with quotations from the choruses of popular songs.

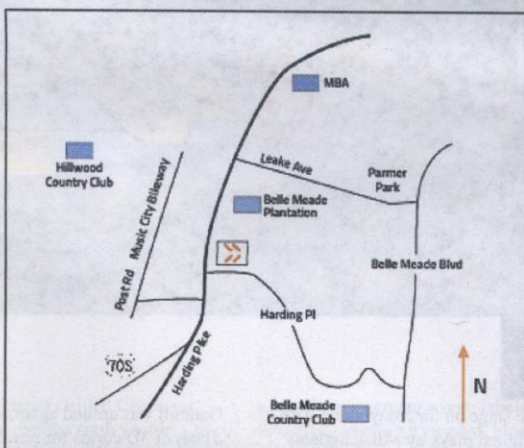
ABOVE: Chef Vasisht Ramasubramanian, mastermind behind The Hook's opening.



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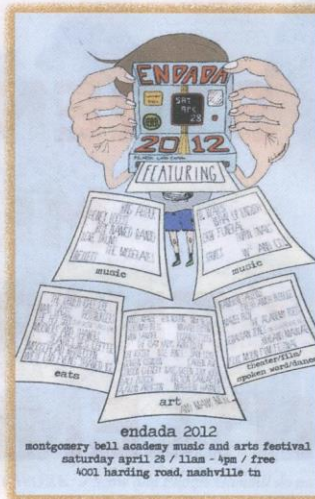


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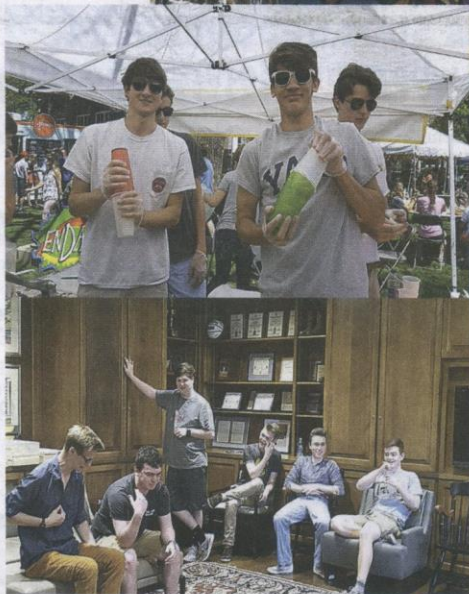
By John Glover
Staff Writer

The snows have melted, and springtime is here in full force. That means April showers, fireflies at twilight, and new beginnings all around. Closer to home, Spring Break and Prom may be behind, but with final exams just around the corner, students enjoyed one final hoorah before crunch time. Endada, the MBA music and arts festival, is come and gone, but by all accounts, this year was the best yet.

It was a tall order to follow the past five years. We've seen Andrew Porter do Daft Punk, Boy Named Banjo rock the auditorium, and Rahul Ramanna rap to the stars, but this year Mrs. Hollifield, Chase Meluch, Charlie Bailey, and all the Endada directors worked around the clock to top it all. With the lineup they procured, it didn't disappoint. Saturday, April 16th from 11-3, was a day of fine art, theatrical performance, good music, and delicious food for everyone to enjoy, free of entry fee.

In the musical realm, performances were ongoing throughout the day. Student bands such as the Grumblebunch returned for a second year, while sophomores including Will Trotman made debut showings. We saw featured performances from outside MBA with Harpeth Hall senior Kat Saul and Caroline Watkins. In addition, an array of

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professional artists made the trek up to the hill such as Christopher Coburn. As always, the music was plentiful, with great artists many had never heard before. The music took place in the theatre, in the gym, and in the quads.

For those who enjoyed the improv on Field Day, there was plenty more where that came from, as the Big Red Mechanicals took

the stage on Saturday along with original plays by MBA students and staged readings. In the art world, festival-goers saw all the finest visual stimulation that the art department has to offer, plus more. The hallways in Davis were chock full of exhibits from all the art classes, and the walls of the Gibbs room were filled to the brim. In the booths, lining the colonnade, Phelps

Gambill was around again with a host of 3D curios for purchase, while Ryan Carpenter sold award winning original photographs that he developed himself. Tanner Noonan sold out of his hand-crafted bee traps. Even if that weren't enough, professional artists from the community made appearances.

It wouldn't be Endada if there weren't plenty of good eating. The

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world famous Grilled Cheeserie was back for the sixth year in a row, along with King of Pops popsicles and West End Events Shaved Ice. Señor Paolicchi won the day, making a surprise appearance to flaunt his world-famous Root Beer floats, and the Grill and Chill Club carried on the revelry with brats and exotic meats for everybody.

It's been a great year for the arts, as Endada embodied. Coming from

a social environment where labels divide us, whether it be nerd, hipster, or jock, the arts are a thing that binds all of us together as a community. At Endada, we attempt to celebrate that diversity of tastes and ideas through a wide range of perspectives across multiple different genres, and in that, it surely succeeded.

For those that didn't make it this year, let me be the first to encourage you to not make the same mistake

again. It's a great way to support MBA and the local community, and it's a lot of fun. So, next year, bring a friend, and I'll see you there.

Grillin' and Chillin'

By Joseph Spear and Drew Davis
Staff Writers

In the past few months, a movement has begun on campus. Sometimes you can almost smell it in the air.

That movement, my friends, is one filled with grilling and chilling. Carrying on the tradition begun by Heyward Rodgers '15, seniors Joseph Scowden and Phelps Gambill have been hosting "Grill and Chill" events all over campus. *The Bell Ringer* sat down with these budding chefs to discuss the growing popularity of their club.

BR: So how exactly did Grill and Chill get started?

JS and PG: Well Mr. Norton came to us and asked us if we wanted to grill out for the cross country meet. He was willing to pay for it, supply the grill, and give us a lot of freedom, which was really nice. We identified a void in athletic participation that was directly correlated with whether or not there was food, so we made a few

announcements at break which created some interest and from there it expanded.

BR: I understand field day was a big day for you guys. What were the meat results?

JS and PG: A lot better then we thought they would be. We sold 192 burgers and 144 hot dogs. We're very pleased with the results, but it was also very much a learning experience for us. We were a bit overwhelmed by the amount of people, and we were cooking by order, so we apologize for any wait. In the future we are definitely going to need more people manning the grills, so if any of you reading this are interested, please come out!

BR: What's both of you guys' favorite meat to cook?

JS and PG: Well we have established a pork connection, so we are currently learning how to cook large slabs of pulled pork, which will be a great meal for the



MASTERS AT WORK: J Scow and Phelps Gambill do not mess around on the grill.

future.

BR: What is the future of the Grill and Chill club looking like?

JS and PG: It is looking good. We cannot reveal who the baton will be passed to in terms of leadership, but they will be worthy of the position. It has really grown so much this year and we would love to have that expanded on. We are looking for lots of new members to come out. Also, we are almost

at the point of it being a self-sustaining business, which is really huge because it allows for us not to have to go into debt with MBA for every event we want to work. This gets rid of a lot of worrying which just makes it an overall better experience, and we want to leave this legacy of success for the long run. Grill and Chill is on the rise. Come out and grill!

Conviction Handed Down in Corey Batey Case

By Patrick Dennis
Staff Writer

This April saw the retrial of Corey Batey, one of the four Vanderbilt football players charged with the 2013 rape of a woman university student. The trial has garnered notable local attention due to its relevance and proximity to the Nashville community. The original trial was nullified after one of the jurors failed to disclose that he was a former rape victim himself, but the outcome did not

change.

Batey was charged with seven counts including aggravated rape, which by itself carries a minimum sentence of 15-25 years. His exact punishment will not be made clear until he faces sentencing in May. The ruling came following a 2 1/2 hour jury deliberation and almost a week of proceedings.

The retrial also saw new witness testimony from the victim's former roommate, who backed the plaintiff's claim that the 21-year-old former Vanderbilt student was

unconscious prior to the attacks by the four football players. The defense argued that the college campus culture led the accused to commit the attacks but those arguments proved insufficient.

Since the attack in 2013, the victim has graduated from Vanderbilt and moved away to begin her studies as part of a doctorate program, but she broke down in court upon testifying on the effect that the attacks have had

on her life.

The new trial for Brandon Vandenburg, one of the accused players, is set to take place this June, but retrial dates for the remaining two players are pending. All three remain on bail.

LEFT: Batey's trial was a long and drawn-out process, as the revelation of one of his initial juror's history with sexual assault lead to a mistrial.

BELOW: Batey during an interview with Dr. Phil.



Big Red Soccer Prepares for a Playoff Run

By Issac Wills
Staff Writer

The MBA soccer season is underway, and as of April 23, the Big Red have already posted a strong 8-1-3 record. As the defending state champions, the Big Red have high expectations for themselves, but as stated by Coach Cheevers, "The team is in the moment

and is not getting ahead of themselves." Naturally, the Big Red have experienced some significant changes in their roster, having graduated a strong senior class with players such as Andrew Conwell and Davis Luster. However, Coach Cheevers believes that the biggest challenge for this up-and-coming soccer team is not found in the loss of talent, but in the void at the leadership role. He recognized an

incredible bond between last year's senior and junior classes, and he now looks to this group of seniors to take the reins of the team. Furthermore, Coach Cheevers is excited for the team, as they are playing remarkable soccer despite not being a completely finished product. He is confident that the team will continue to improve in correspondence with the team's improving chemistry.

So, why should I attend a Big Red soccer game, you might ask? Coach Cheevers was very enthusiastic in his

response. Ellis Moore has assumed the same role as Andrew Conwell in terms of being a "quick, high-energy player." He also noted how freshman Luke Bernatavitz has asserted himself as a "darn good goal scorer." Another reason to be excited about the team is that the Big Red have found early season success despite not playing to their fullest potential. Coach Cheevers is looking forward to the team peaking at the right time as the season progresses.

Statistically, the Big Red do not disappoint on offense and defense. Offensively, they average approximately five goals per game, and defensively, they are holding opponents to one goal every two games. Also, the offense has come in a variety of ways. In their game against Hillsboro High School, the Big Red scored on a multiple crosses and headers, as well as shooting from outside the box. Understandably, the offense will be forced to grind out more goals as the playoffs approach, but the Big Red is confident it will hold its own against the likes of Father Ryan, McCallie, and Baylor. However, these games are often the most exciting, as they bring the most of this extremely talented and ever-improving soccer team.

EYES ON THE BALL: Senior Zac Jernigan, junior Ellis Moore, sophomore Collin Ragsdale, and sophomore Watson Dill anchor a Big Red defense (that looks to be one of the best in the state).



response. First, there is "a lot of young blood on this team." He's excited to witness the development of players. In particular, Coach Cheevers highlighted how certain players are affirming themselves in specific roles. For example, he mentioned how junior

Rags to Riches At Half the Cost

By Collin Ragsdale
Staff Writer

Everyone loves the story of a successful underdog. Whether it's Rocky trumping the Russian giant or a Cinderella team busting brackets in March, we all relish the odds-defying, unimaginable upsets.

This year, the Barclay's Premier League has found its own Cinderella in the form of Leicester City.

For those of you who are unacquainted with the significance of their incredible run up the standings, allow me to enlighten you. This time last year, Leicester City were sitting near the bottom of the table, and in danger of being relegated to the English Championship, a lower rung of English professional soccer. Basically, they wouldn't be playing with the big boys anymore. Magnificently, the Foxes finished

strong last year and managed to survive to fight another grueling season in the EPL.

Before the 2015-2016 season began, the bookies in Las Vegas gave Leicester a 5000:1 odds to win the title.

Here comes the miracle part. With a new coach and a squad of castoffs and rejects assembled for a mere 10 million pounds, Leicester City started the season off strong, not losing until their fourteenth game of the season. But these kind of starts from lowly teams are all too common in the Premier League. Everyone assumed their run of good form would die by Christmas.

But the Foxes kept winning. People then gave them until February. But they never faltered. Now, in early April, Leicester City are six games away from making history: becoming the first team ever to rise from near relegation to



FROM OUT OF NOWHERE: Striker Jamie Vardy hopes to lead Leicester City to a title.

Premier League Champions.

Leicester's success can be attributed to the emergence of stars Jamie Vardy, Riyad Mahrez and N'Golo Kante. Seven years ago, Vardy was playing non-league soccer for a local town team while working as a technician. Two weeks ago he scored his first international goal for England against the World Champions Germany. He also holds the record for most consecutive games, 11,

scoring a goal.

As the season draws to a close, the world holds its breath in hopes that Leicester can hold on till the



Bryce Drew Takes the Helm

By Drew Davis
Staff Writer

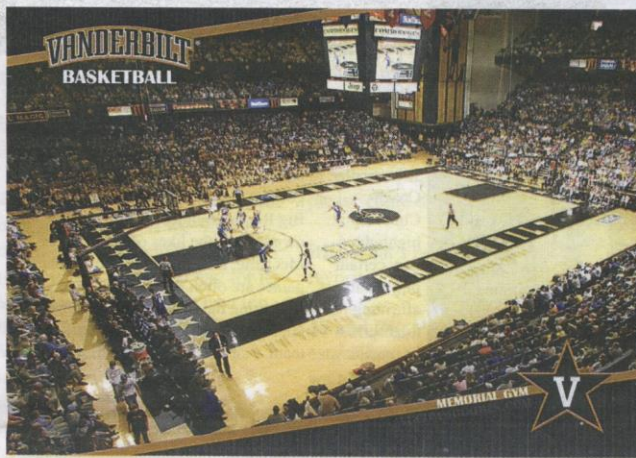
In the minds of some high schoolers at MBA, the Vanderbilt basketball team has never been led by any other coach than Kevin Stallings. Despite his lengthy tenure as head coach of the men's basketball team, Stallings' departure was, for some, rather melancholy. Others appreciated Stallings' tenure but were ready for a new brand of Vanderbilt basketball. MBA Coach, Vandy alum, and former supporter of CKS Scott Pettus noted that the change in scenery was "the best Easter I've had in awhile".
Vanderbilt parted ways with Stallings in

a civil manner, with Stallings leaving for the head coaching spot at the University of Pittsburgh. Vanderbilt's basketball program, which had accessible buyout money, responded days later. After interviewing multiple candidates, the University introduced Bryce Drew as the new head coach. Drew is a former standout guard for the University of Valparaiso. He is widely known for his miracle three-point shot to top No. 4 seed Ole Miss in 1998 and lead Cinderella Valpo to a Sweet 16 run in that NCAA Tournament. After playing in various professional leagues, including a six-year stint in the NBA, Drew began his coaching career at the collegiate level.

Having coached five years for the Valparaiso men's basketball team, Drew has posted a 124-48 record with 2 NCAA tournament appearances, 4 Horizon League regular season championships, and most recently, a runner-up finish in the NIT. Drew inherits a legacy of mediocrity in terms of finishing close games, though he brings a certain toughness that should reverse this tradition for the Dores. Coach Drew predicated his teams around defense and rebounding, two components that will complement the current roster's shooting and scoring abilities well.

Drew is unproven at Vanderbilt, but fans have reason to be optimistic. At age 41, he

is relatively young for an NCAA coach. In fact, his final year of college basketball came a year before Coach Stallings was hired at Vandy. Drew is a "player's coach" and has had great success motivating his players thus far, something Stallings seemed unable to do. Brother of Baylor coach Scott Drew and son of former legendary Valpo coach Homer Drew, Bryce Drew has all the tools to succeed at his new destination. During his introductory press conference on Wednesday, Coach Drew stated, "No Vanderbilt team has ever made it to the Final Four. We would like to be the first Vanderbilt team to get to the Final Four." We will wait and see if this hope comes true.



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Lacrosse Off to a Fiery Start

By Palmer Thombs
Staff Writer

The Big Red lacrosse team is off to a great 10-4 start this spring going into a matchup with Franklin at the time of publishing. The team began the season with two scrimmages followed by a strong opening performance against Baylor. Benjamin Graves ('16) led the team with seven goals as the Big Red easily cruised past the Red Raiders in a 15-1 victory. Next up for the Big Red proved a tough matchup for the Trinity Shamrocks from Louisville. Just like the previous year, the game went to overtime after the Big Red stormed back from a deficit. The team prevailed 6-5 on a Ben Graves goal in overtime.

Following a big win on the road over JP2, the Big Red returned home for a rematch of last season's state semifinal against McCallie. With a big crowd on hand, the Big Red jumped out to an early lead. Despite strong efforts by the Blue Tornado to mount a comeback, the Big Red maintained the lead throughout the game winning 11-10. Harrison Graves ('18), Fenner Pollock ('18), and Sam Smith ('16) each contributed hat tricks in the winning effort. Also, not

going unnoticed was Gabe Mendoza's ('17) strong defensive performance, shutting out one of the top attackers in the state. This momentum carried the Big Red into a challenging spring break with three games against teams from North Carolina and South Carolina.

Over spring break, the Big Red went 2-1 with a win over Charlotte Latin (12-6), a loss to Lake Norman (8-7), and a win over Greenville (17-5). A highlight from spring break was an impressive 5-goal game along with 2 assists from Zach Smith ('18). Once back in Nashville, the Big Red got back to work preparing for a rivalry game in Memphis with MUS. The Big Red had a difficult time knocking off the spring break rust and lost a tough one to the Owls. The Big Red got down early and were not able to overcome the deficit. The following day, however, the Big Red were able to get back in shape with an impressive performance at Christian Brothers. David Wise ('16), who had some big saves to keep the Big Red in the game, along with Gordon Pollock ('18), who had an impressive showing on the offensive end, led the Big Red to a 10-9 victory over the Purple Wave. Upon returning to Nashville,



TOUCH HIS BUTT: Sophomore Gordon Pollock has been one of the Big Red's most active players this season, near the top of the team in both goals and assists.

the Big Red took on the Tigers of USN. In a great team performance at the River Campus, the Big Red took down the Tigers 14-4. A beatdown of USN was followed by a dominating 18-9 victory over a rival Father Ryan, a tough two-game stretch in Atlanta, and a convincing 19-2 victory over Centennial.

Looking on down the road, the Big Red have Ensworth, a trip to St. Xavier (KY), and a game at Ravenwood to close out the season.

Best of luck to the Big Red as they make their final push towards the postseason.



Big Red Hockey Looks to Build on Success

By Robert Cowan
Staff Writer

Coming off one of the best seasons in school history, the Big Red hockey team wanted to make another run to the state. The team endured an offseason filled with late nights in Franklin at "the LAB," only to emerge as a better and more well-rounded

team. To add diversity to the schedule, Coach Deutsch wanted to test the team against a team from Kentucky, and the Big Red was able to stop the Rampage and had a good start to the year 2-0. After these two games the Big Red would have a preseason tournament, which would decide the divisions for the regular season. The Big Red finished 3-3

in the tournament and even though this was a mediocre performance the Big Red was able to get into the gold division for the regular season.

The 2015-16 campaign got off to a great start and showed no signs of slowing down. With big wins against Father Ryan and JP11 to begin the season, the wins gave the team the momentum to keep winning. Coach Deutsch said, "Hey man, winning is contagious."

And winning is what the Big Red did. The team finished the regular season 13-0-1, one of the best seasons for the Big Red hockey team in school history, and the team was crowned GNASH Cup Champions. In the playoffs the Big Red would win every game. Then it all came down to the championship game against Ravenwood.

The Ravenwood game was the second appearance in a year for the Big Red, and the team hoped to win the cup. Sadly, the Big Red

came up short, losing 3-1 in a hard-fought game by both teams.

In the end the Big Red finished 17-1-1 with the only loss coming in the championship game.

As a member of the team, I would like to thank all the fans for supporting us the whole year and for the amazing turnout to the final game. I would like to thank the seniors who laid the foundation for this amazing team: Ethan Mowery, Will Beasley, Sam Smith, and Cameron MacDonald Surman. We'll miss you guys next year.

Next season promises to be even better as the Big Red will retain most of the players, comprise perhaps the strongest team in GNASH next year and should make another title run.



FIGHTING SPIRIT: The Big Red fight hard in the State Championship.

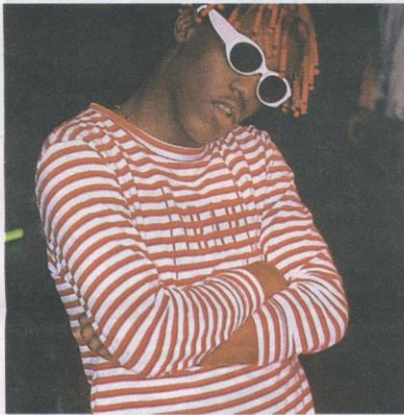


Lil Yachty Invites You To Join His Boat Ride

By **Werner Bradshaw**
Lil Yachty Scholar

When my brother first introduced me to the music of Lil Yachty last November, I was skeptical to say the least. Never would I have expected that five months later Yachty would be one of my favorite musicians, and one of rap's most promising rising stars.

When listening to Lil Yachty, one of the first things that may confuse you is his name. In many of his songs, Yachty refers to himself as "Lil Boat." I'll admit



these names are closely related and thus make this inconsistency seem insignificant. However, these two names define the duality of his persona. Lil Yachty is the light-hearted, melodic, and heavily autotuned singer you hear on tracks like "Wanna Be Us" and "Good Day." Lil Boat is the rapper/MC you hear on tracks like "Up Next

2" and "Stack it Up." These two sides allow Yachty's versatility to shine in the studio, making clear his proficiency both as a rapper and as a singer.

Yet the young musician is not limited to choosing between rapping and singing. At his best, Lil Yachty blurs the line between rapping and singing. In his viral hit "INight," Yachty blends the melodic tone of his softer side with the rhythmic flow he boasts in his rap-centered song. Similarly, on "Minnesota," Yachty's breezy falsetto complements a simple, 3-key piano riff. The end result

falls somewhere between a lighthearted rap song and a nursery rhyme. The sound is confusing, and, at times, easy to hate. But it is different: unique, fun, and, most importantly, catchy. Definitely worth a listen.

A few months ago, Yachty was an unknown. He had just dropped out of Alabama State. Since then, Yachty has carved out a clear place

for himself in the music world. He has garnered the attention of hip-hop giant Kanye West, appearing in the Yeezy Season 3 fashion show on February 11th. He has made the right connections, finding a manager in Atlanta hip-hop legend Coach K, who is best known for previously managing other high profile Atlanta-based artists like



Gucci Mane, Migos, Young Jeezy, and OG Maco, to name a few. He has racked up a slew of impressive features, most notably Young Thug and Quavo (one third of Migos). He was recently nominated to be considered for XXL Magazine's prestigious annual Freshman Class, joining the likes of Kendrick Lamar, Future, Schoolboy Q, J. Cole, and Fetty Wap, among others.

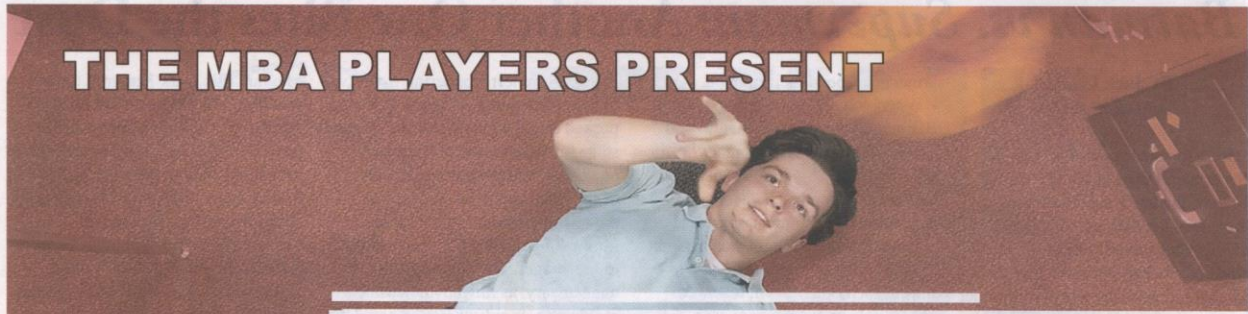
Lil Yachty's fresh approach to the ever-changing genre of hip-hop has brought him great success thus far. His unique knack for incorporating the positivity and innocence of youth in pop tunes rooted in hip-hop will undoubtedly catch your ear. He looks the part too, his red braids and distinct

sense of style quickly grab the attention of anyone who sees him.

You may love Lil Yachty's music, or you may think it's the death of hip-hop. Either way, I encourage you to listen to the music—music he calls "bubblegum trap." It is sure to leave an impression on you.



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Batman vs. Superman: Another One Bites the Dust

By Jack Capizzi
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It's happened again. Batman vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice has become the latest superhero movie to include the dialogue of a newborn chimpanzee mixed with the slightest whiff of any half decent action scenes. Marvel has been the recent forerunner in this art of making mediocre movies that are only produced so that the production companies can build their houses out of solid gold. BVS has taken this exploitation to the next level.

When a movie's budget is two hundred and fifty million dollars (about as much as the budget for all three Hobbit movies combined) you would expect something at least half decent, right? Well, you shouldn't. Instead, the filmmakers have followed another Hollywood trend of spending more money on the actors rather than the writers because, in the words of Ricky Gervais, "Let's be honest, everyone knows it's not the words you say, it's how good you look when you're saying them".

Such a manner of excessive spending has left the movie void of any good plotline and filled with way too many up close shots of random celebrity actors. In no world should Jesse Eisenberg play Lex Luther or should Amy Adams play Lois Lane. These actors have much better

projects to spend their time on.

When you see that a movie is titled Batman vs. Superman, what do you expect? Personally, I was ready to see some crazy fight scenes between the two most iconic characters in American entertainment of the last century. Instead, all I got was a couple minutes of the two prima donnas staring each other down, followed by a couple minutes where each character shows what's cool or unique to their set of powers. Thanks, DC.

gone, you're left wondering if you've missed something. So much was packed into the movie that the origin story for this version of Batman, one of the most important aspects of the hero, had to be shoved into the opening credits. I felt that the filmmaking quality is disproportional to the budget. The build up was unnecessary, as the movie became a build up in its entirety to the new DC series, which we are all going to have to deal with for the next decade.

as a fantastic Dark Knight, I thought that Ben Affleck would not be up to snuff as the legendary Batman. He proved me wrong by giving a new and refreshing take on the hero, portraying him as much older, more experienced, and, surprisingly, darker than Christian Bale did. Although I don't feel that Bale and Affleck's alternate representations of the Batman should really be compared, Affleck did remind me more of the comic book hero than his predecessor.

Here's the truth: these superhero movies just are not good anymore. BVS was just another one that failed to deliver any original ideas or facets to its design. BVS was a large disappointment although it really came as no surprise that it would follow the pattern of superhero movies that are shoddily churned out by the factory that is Hollywood.

So, if you have not yet seen Batman vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice, I would advise against seeing it. You would be much better off seeing an original film that is not just another pointless

superhero movie with no plot, too many random actors who were not cast for their ability to play the role, and the one goal of dragging on a money making machine.



The overall storyline of the movie is the most disappointing aspect of the film. There is way too much happening plot-wise that every different strand of story is diluted by the next. The plot seems to be leading up to an eventual fight between, as you would expect, Batman and Superman, but once it's come and

Ben Affleck is one aspect of the film who was surprisingly not half bad. He was easily the better actor between the two superheroes and gave maybe the best performance of anyone in the film. Following Christopher Nolan's Dark Knight Trilogy, the greatest superhero films of all time featuring Christian Bale

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MASTERMIND: Director Zack Snyder answers questions regarding his film while attending San Diego Comin-Con.





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Junior Class Goes to Prom, Feels Important

By Jorma McClure
Valued Fallen Soldier

Happy spring, juniors. It's safe to say the juniors have been keeping it classy. Well, by classy, I actually mean stupid. Shout out to **Matthew Dobson** for styling **Jackson Owen's** carpet. Jackson also had an awkward encounter with his mom. How about prom night MVP, **Richard White**? We are amazed with how clutch you are, Rick. Prom provided a fantastic opportunity for juniors to be really, really gentlemanly.

Some young men left prom still searching for love. The likes of **Jackson Maradik** could be spotted in a hammock on the night of prom, pondering his less explored emotions. **Andrew Duffey** is too keen to play tennis at times. And shout out to **Alvin Zhang** for killin' the prom game this year. Well done, Al.

We should all be keeping **Andrew Hudson** in our thoughts, he seems to be going through a lot of pain right now following a vicious snake bite to the neck. Also, **Jack Pickel** could use some clean clothes, so give him a call.

While many L's have already been taken by juniors this spring, no one will take more L's than the baseball team. We hear that all the juniors on the MBA baseball team are committing to Vanderbilt to play baseball. However, some of us are winning. **Tom Peters**, for instance, took home the first place blunt in the Highland Games for the track squad!

Additionally, rumor has it **Ben Gauldin** may be joining the wrestling team in the heavyweight division this fall. Speaking of the wrestling team, apparently one of the **Elkin** bros were spotted out by the Nathan Bedford Forrest statue in Old Hickory after wrestling practice a few weeks ago. Witnesses couldn't identify which Elkin bro was there, but remarked casually: "No one seems to really know which Elkin is which. But no one seems to care much, either." Well, there you have it.

In other campus news, junior 6th period lunch eaters have apparently disavowed Christianity in order to escape Young Life visits. Also, congrats to the class officers and student council reps who beat their mighty opponents in tightly contested races. Even CNN called each race a toss-up. We are all looking forward to another year under the leadership of **Jed Griffin**. However, to the dismay of the "Stop Frist Super PAC," **Frist Allen** is returning to the student council for another year. At least the student council Twitter will survive for another year.

You've got to love talking politics with the junior class. When asked what position he liked most that Donald Trump advocated, **Mac Lassing** replied, "What do you mean, positions? He doesn't need a position. He's gonna get stuff done. What else matters?" It's alright Mac, guys like **Hudson Dobbs** and **Frist Allen** have your back. They can explain for you how you are able to overlook Trump's overt racism in support of a "fearless, bad*** dude." You

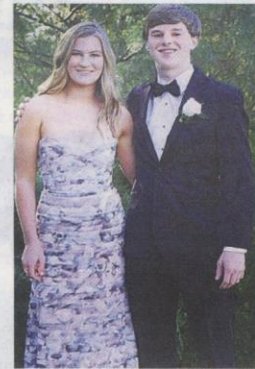
also can't miss the Kasich contingent. On any given day, you can hear **Will Peters** or **Cole Thornton** begrudgingly throw their support behind Kasich. I guess it's safe to pledge your allegiance to someone you know can't win. One certainly opposes controversy that way.

Some juniors went to prom with their girlfriends. Did you know **Will Gray** is friends with seniors? He also happens to be busy this weekend. Which weekend is that? Every weekend. And some juniors didn't go with their girlfriends. Sorry, **Will Hoffman**.

The junior class is already hype for **Caleb Jernigan's** return to the turf under the Friday night lights this fall. Just stay off **Dylan Haselton's** Snapchat story if you can.

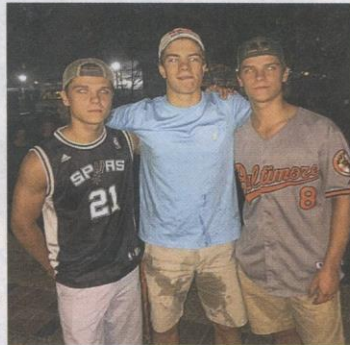
Finally, we want to bid farewell to the mighty **Jack Brandes**. Even the best of us fall sometimes.

While most of us begin to contemplate the college application process, Jack is already USC bound. A Trojan soon, always a big red brother.



ABOVE: Richard White, pictured with his date Eliza Hawkins, was truly the prom MVP.

BELOW: The Elkin brothers are really, really cool.



Sophomores See Research Paper Grades, Cry

By Joe Spear and Phil Scholer
Staff Infections

During these last weeks of school, morale and motivation is waning for some, as Mr. President (not **Harrison Kidd**) put it, "The school year was over the second I turned in my research paper. I'm on a ten week spring break." But for some, like the Science Olympiad team, the school year is nowhere near done. Mr. **Mike Miccioli** put it best: "I can't wait to use my chemistry pick up lines on all the girls at the tournament.

Should be a great few weekends." With this mindset, we can expect Mike to pick up a few dates in the coming months. We wish you luck, **Brian**, but also the rest of the Science Olympiad team. Spring break was a fun time for all, but even on break some boys had chemistry as their first priority. **William Kinard** even went so far as to "make up [his] vaporization lab" while on the trip, but William found that he was yearning for even more work, so he went home early to study! Great job, William!

Others, like **Tyson Briggs**, who had a flaming time, stayed the length of the trip and made it home safely. Also, please keep **Manny Rodgers** in your thoughts as he undergoes a

lung transplant after the DR trip. CPA is praying for you! The trip was full of firsts for all, including **Palmer Thombs**, who unfortunately had to

spend the week with just Harpeth Hall girls. Sorry about that, Palmer. There was also bad stomach bug going around, and one girl even got a

peculiarly bad bug bite on her neck, but we are happy to say that **Stephen Dashiff** was able to tend to this, for a second time. Speaking of Mr. Dashiff, please donate to the GoFundMe that has been started to pay for his

haircut at www.gofundme/stepheneedsahaircut.com; any donation is appreciated! On the flip side, **Charlie Ma** has an impeccable haircut and is running on the track team! Congrats, Charlie! Also on spring break, **Yosef Howard** began to grow his airline company to an international level and had a few words to say about it: "Creating my own business has made me feel like a successful man, and so far I've only taken out a small loan of one million dollars. I'm making flying great again!" We're so proud, Yosef! With Spring Break in the rear view mirror, finish strong boys, one last push and it's over.

GOOD KIDS: Alex Roberts, pictured with another Alex, really enjoyed Rites of Spring



Freshmen Prepare to Drown in Exams

By Sam Funk and Garrett Murphy
They Think They're Relevant

What has happened to the 9th grade? In terms of spring break, many remember the good times and some can't. We all know those certain people who will die for the dream "spring break bod," such as our good friend **William Davis**, who posted daily Snapchat stories of him lifting the "big" weights in order to become "huge." Many others kept to the scenic Nashville. **William Wheeler** caught fish with the one and only Big Wade and McCauley. However, many are eager to return to the joy of school, especially the Deutsch "geo-bros." With student elections coming up, many are eager to return and be able to defend their personal ideals of what it takes to be a student body leader. We all know

that William Wheeler will finally remember to turn his ballot in this year. Also, many students have been whining about the change in movies from *Shrek* to *Pirates of the Caribbean*. According to the gossip, the movie was changed due to concerns about *Shrek* being inappropriate.

After the enjoyable break, many were excited to return to the biggest day of the year, Field Day. Starting off with Soccer, **Ian Hall** made a milkshake on the field by scoring three goals on the world renowned goalkeeper, **Felix Arwen**. Then on the football field, **Charlie Buffkin** seemed to be confused what team he was on, considering he showed up for Football A instead of Football B. On the tennis courts, the dynamic duo of the **Cavars** instilled fear in the opponents' eyes as they attempted to "hit" the tennis ball. **Hugh Graham** took the courts by storm

winning all matches with his eyes closed and backwards. Finally, we had the real competition: academics. With the four most accomplished English students for cardinal including **T.J. Terrel**, **Harrison Taylor**, **Ethan Way**, and James Vest, the ninth grade was shocked when they didn't answer a single question correctly. In basketball, the **Sardine** slipped his way to the basket in a close match between the two teams. **Ross Johnson** could not pull off the win, despite literally attempting to put the whole team on his back. The cardinal team Erg won the erg behind **Beej Stevens**. Seems as if the Arwin twins were confused in their event, as they seemed to be ready to go for yoga. Disappointingly, star player **Jaden Smith** mysteriously disappeared. At first, I thought it was a bathroom break, but I later discovered that he had a doctor's appointment. In the end, Silver won

although they seemed to struggle putting the flag up.

In the world of MBA ninth grade sports, our soccer team is thriving. With **Luke Bernatavitz** scoring in basically every varsity game, **Henry Hilbert** posting live pics from every soccer practice, and **Ethan Way** and his "killer sideburns," the 9th grade seems athletic. There are also four freshmen on the varsity lacrosse team. Maybe one day they will get some playing time.

Many ninth graders have been very excited by turning sixteen, with a number of new car posts on snapchat. Famous cars such as the 1876 Ford Bronco owned by **Joe Stevens**, and the "Italian Stallion" as **Charlie Buffkin** calls his own car. However, many complaints have been filed so keep the conversation on your cars to a minimum. Thanks.

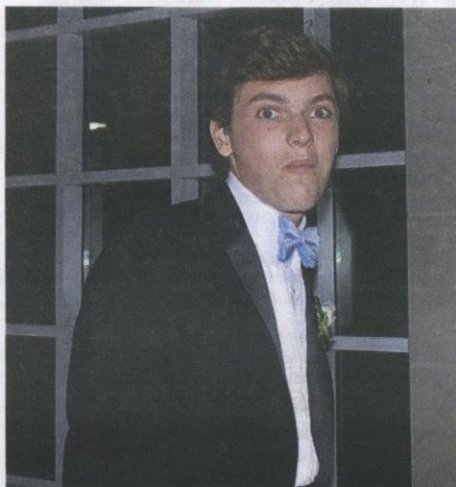
Seniors Could Not Care Less

By Nolan Spear and Benton Dodd
Up to Something

Hot dang, gentlemen. We've made it...almost. It's been a long one, two, three, four, five, or six years on the Hill, but it still feels like yesterday that we were signing the register for the first time.

As the seniors wind down their time on the Hill, their academic and athletic performances continue to flourish. With strong leadership and resilience from **Sam Curry**, **KP Frazier**, and **Hanye Hamilton** (aka **Winston Hewett**), the track team looks to carry their success into the state competition. The team aims for a final triumph over Brentwood Academy and their

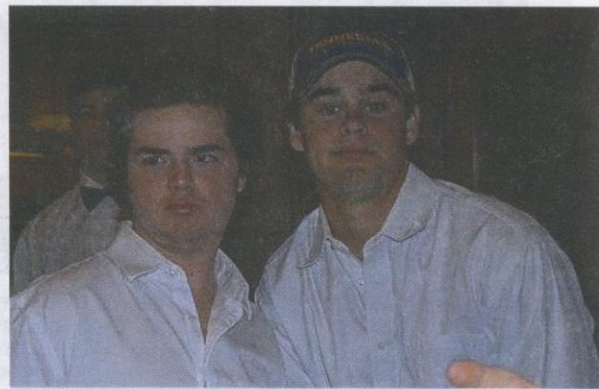
RIDICULOUSLY GOOD LOOKING: Peter Briggs gives us his best Zoolander impression.



cast of heavily recruited athletes, and word on the street is that at the moment, BA is quite the distracted team. Many of the parents of the athletes have come to the stunning realization that the \$19,000 tuition they (might) be paying is actually funneling the construction of a 72-foot-tall statue of Jesus Christ holding a football. But I digress.

In these spring months, the baseball team has truly captured hearts. The six seniors on the team (**Cole Cross**, **Will Allen**, **Winston Hewett**, **David Gaw**, and **Sam Rhodes**) are absolutely giving it their all, motivating a team struggling with injuries. Noticeably absent from that list of seniors is ole **Brandon Bennett**. We here at *The Bell Ringer* are not quite sure Brandon is a real person, or if he even plays baseball.

In academic news, **Christian Williams** claims to be the only senior to have read every single work of literature in AP English this year. In a recent interview with *The Bell Ringer*, Christian, who boasts an 85 in the class, elaborated, "Well, ya know, thinking about it now I see all these kids who don't read



Rusty and Ron strike a pose during prom festivities.

a word and still have an 85 in the class. Maybe I just shouldn't read after all. It doesn't seem to make a difference." **Davis Voecks** says he has learned absolutely nothing in Biology this year, except how to make weird noises in the general direction of Mr. Pruitt.

We would like to congratulate **Jordan Wilson** for receiving a scholarship to continue his academic future at UC Riverside. In other college decision news, **Russell McGinn** has just returned from his third trip to Ole Miss. We can only assume that the purpose of the trip must have been surveying some of the arts buildings. **Devon Rundberg** has committed his future to James Madison University, although nobody would have guessed it from the sweatshirt that he wears every day. **Chris Saxon** will be continuing his indefinite mental gap year at Spring Hill

All in all, the end is nigh. We only have one class news article remaining. Expect greatness.

A STRAPPING YOUNG FELLOW: KP loves prom.



The Bell Ringer Applies to College!

While it may be a little late in the process, The Bell Ringer has finally decided to stop procrastinating and submit its college application. With elite schools lining up left and right, a tough decision lies ahead. However, there is no candidate more qualified than The Bell Ringer, and the tenets of this application represent the best that a high school student has to offer.

Legal Name: J. Alfred Prufrock

Age: 15 (graduating early)

Graduating Year: 2016

Race: Other

Place of Residence: 666 Belle Meade Boulevard
Belle Meade, TN

Extracurricular Activities:

Three sport Varsity Athlete (football, football, football)
Chancellor, Big Red Chorus
Member of Urban Science League
Fencing Club
Claymaking Club
President, Faculty Council
School Factotum, Honor Council
LEAD MBA Platinum Award
King of Edinburgh Diamond-Level Member
International Debate-and-Math Champion
President of the International Boys' Schools Coalition
Lieutenant Colonel of the Rifle Team
Volunteer Coordinator at Faculty Shoeshining Events

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Awards:

Totomoi -- inducted 3 times
Related to Adam and Eve
Caveat Emptor Society Inductee
Malcolm X Society Inductee (like the MLK Society, but more radical)
Winner of the Inaugural Robert Pruitt Cooking Contest
Four-time winner of the Sage Dining Chicken-Biscuit-Eating Contest
Two-time winner of the "Fluffy Bunny" Pep Rally Contest
Dated Jennifer Lawrence
"Most Improved in the Junior School"
Looked inside Mr. Lanier's red bag
National Merit Round of 32
PMS Estes Award

GPA: 6.90

SAT Composite: 2700

Personal Statement:

It is an early morning in August, and I am cruising along Harding Road in my 2016 Ford F250 King Ranch on my way to a Nashville airport. I am nervous, my knees shake in anticipation of what lies ahead. I distinctly remember my mother clamping down on my knees, looking me in the eye as she told me, "Restless leg syndrome kills."

Loins trembling, I disembarked from my trusted steed of a vehicle and into the airport. A tear trickled down my cheek; the smell of stale coffee wafting through the air, making me sick to my core. I could feel the weight of my experiences to come. Seeing my utter trepidation, my father turned and said, "It's all right, it's only 4 days." Tearfully, I passed through security unscathed and to the cramped and unruly gate lettered "T117." There, I convened with my comrades in service, who seemed much more confident then. A senior approached me, seeing my unruly state, and proclaimed, "ROLL RED!" as he slapped my hindquarters. It was then that I knew that my next four days would be life-altering.

I boarded the airplane at John C. Tune Airport, destined for 7401 Highway 100, Nashville, TN 37221, a location forsaken by God himself. In the weeks prior to our departure, our administration had deemed the land as desperately in need of a "Men of Character Service Intervention." Clearly, the task before us was large and meaty.

Upon arrival, we disembarked from the small airplane, marching two-by-two like members of a platoon. Immediately, I noticed the lack of first-world amenities around me. Where was the nearest Juice Bar? Where could I get a chicken biscuit? Where is the Pizza Guy from the lunchroom? As these questions wracked my brain, I felt a mild pat on my shoulder. I turned around, and there behind me stood a shining visage of grandeur. She looked me dead in the eye, grabbed my wrist, and uttered five words that changed my life forever: "We're not in Kansas anymore." It was then that I knew that Ms. Palmore was not messing around.

As we walked through the destitute, dusty surroundings, I heard the locals talking amongst themselves in an unintelligible dialect. It was like they were speaking Spanish, but it was beyond my English I Honors comprehension. We set up our table in the town square and offered the inhabitants a clean, crisp edition of my favorite novel, *the Big Red Rule Book*.

In my short trip, I realized that not everyone could have the life that I was given. I was truly blessed with a good home, a good family, and a good school. Even though they rejected my offers of help, they impacted me in a way that no one else in my life ever had. They taught me the values of service without limits, and resilience without fear. In the

end, it was not they who were affected. It was me.

